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Steve's Corner

By Steve Michel

This is a request to anyone that wants to contribute to the newsletter to send your photos to the newsletter editor to be included in a month. Send the images to editor@delaware.us.mensa.org. These can be images of anything (that is G-Rated) and taken by you. The number of entries received will determine how many – if any - images appear in each newsletter. If you would like to include a couple words, a few words or little story about the image, please feel free to do so (though at minimum, a description would be useful). If, in the rare instance you want to remain anonymous, just state so in the message.

Our superstition-themed RG continues to finalize. The hotel (Crowne Plaza in Claymont), most of the meals, the programs (including a presentation by Ed Okonowicz), the live musical entertainment (Todd Chappelle and Hot Breakfast) and the karaoke are all ready to go. If you are interested in giving a presentation (Dee gave one about Delaware last year), let me know. All RG details can be found on the DM website at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/rg13.htm>

If you know someone who lives up-state who may be interested in testing for Mensa, we will be conducting a test after the RG at the Crowne Plaza at 12:00. There may an upcoming test for our down-state residents, but that planning is still in the works.

Did you know that it costs the chapter money to mail a paper copy of the newsletter to each reader? Did you know you could help save the chapter money by electing to receive the newsletter electronically? That option is set from the preferences on your profile at National. As it is a PDF format, you can likely read the newsletter on most smartphones.

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As always, if you have an idea for a program / gathering / event, we'd love to hear about it! We currently have a Monday lunch, Tuesday trivia and a Saturday afternoon tea. We've had people host games day in their home (the only requirement is that you have a home to host it – but light refreshments are appreciated) and used to have a philosophical discussion session as well. If someone wants to coordinate an outing to somewhere – anywhere – you are welcome to, also (this spring we had a tour at the Dover Air Mobility Museum). The earlier it is scheduled the better so that word can get out and the DM website can be updated. Any assistance you would care to provide would be welcome. For all event details, please visit the DM website at <http://delaware.us.mensa.org/events.htm>.

"How weak our mind is; how quickly it is terrified and unbalanced as soon as we are confronted with a small, incomprehensible fact. Instead of dismissing the problem with: "We do not understand because we cannot find the cause," we immediately imagine terrible mysteries and supernatural powers."

GUY DE MAUPASSANT

A Proper Afternoon Tea - August 17

Join Delaware Mensa for a proper afternoon tea. We will meet at the British Bell Tea Room in Peoples Plaza in Glasgow. Please RSVP as seating is limited.

Afternoon tea, complete with sandwiches, scones, desserts and of course, your choice of tea, is only \$19 pp. Or choose high tea, with all of the above, plus a banger roll and soup or salad, for \$25. Not into tiny sandwiches? The British Bell Tea Room has a whole menu for your enjoy-

ment.

Check out <http://www.britishbelltea.com/> for more info.

DATE: Saturday, August 17, 2013

TIME: 1:30 p.m. (NOTE CHANGE IN TIME)

PLACE: British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow
To RSVP, contact Maria Sawczuk at 302-893-5118 or legalady@magpage.com (legalady@magpage.com).

Celebrations

Congratulations, and a Happy Mensaversary to these members who celebrate their Mensa anniversary this month:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Years membership:</u>
Alan Charles Emsley	33
Steven M Allison	14
Walter Crowe	9
Richard Schneider	8
Karen Kinkel	5
Lloyd A Teitsworth Jr	5
Joseph McCain	3

A Happy Birthday to these Mensans :

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Carl G Moore Jr	2-Aug	Chris A Quintanilla	21-Aug
Helen Ohlson	5-Aug	Terri Eros	22-Aug
Martha P Lankford	9-Aug	Robert C Auer Jr	23-Aug
Qiang Tu	9-Aug	Thomas R Keane	28-Aug
George Edward Majors	10-Aug	David Moak	29-Aug
David A Bailey	17-Aug		

(And also to those who don't wish to have their birthdays published)

A Message for New Members

Mensa can be a great organization, but can be daunting to break into. If you are new to Mensa, or new to Delaware Mensa (even if you've been a member for years), here are a few suggestions on how to get started:

- ♦ Attend a meeting - start with something close to home, then branch out. **Try at least a dozen activities before you make up your mind about what they're like.** Each meeting is different - shop around for the people you feel at home with.
- ♦ Contribute to your local newsletter. Send artwork, articles or letters to the editor. Your name will be in print, and you will be a celebrity before you know it.
- ♦ Call your local Area Coordinator or one of the members of the Executive Committee. They are eager to

help you and will be glad to answer your questions about Mensa and your Local Group's activities.

- ♦ Host a meeting or start a Special Interest Group (SIG). You get to choose the refreshments and make the house rules, and you don't have to worry about getting lost on the drive home.
- ♦ Jump onto the [Member Forums](http://community.us.mensa.org/default.aspx) (<http://community.us.mensa.org/default.aspx>) and join a conversation about comic books, grilled cheese sandwiches or the writings of Hannah Arendt. Or start your own topic. If you don't see a conversation that must take place, volunteer to be a forum moderator.

And always remember: Introverts may be a 3:1 minority in the rest of the world, but in Mensa, we're the majority!

Delaware Mensa Calendar

Grab your personal calendar and write down some events!

Wed, Aug 7	6 to 8 pm, Games Night, at Traders Cove, Penn's Place, 206 Delaware St, Old New Castle. [Not a Mensa event] First Wednesday of each month. Bring a game, or just join the group. For info, e-mail Maria at legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118.
Mon, Aug 12	11:30—? Second Monday Lunch Bunch –New Location– Purebread Deli in Greenville, north of Wilmington on Rt 52, for lunch and stimulating conversation. Info: Dee Richardson at 302-892-2299
Tues, Aug 13	6 to 8 pm, Happy Hour/ NTN Trivia Night at Stewart's Brew Pub , Governor's Square, Route 40, Bear. Now the Second Tuesday of each month. For info or to RSVP, e-mail Steve at sdm1177@yahoo.com or call (302) 832-2665.
Sat, Aug 17	1:30 pm, Afternoon Tea, at the British Bell Tea Room, Peoples Plaza, Glasgow DE. Please RSVP to Maria - legalady@magpage.com or call 302-893-5118. Also, Check out http://www.britishbelltea.com/ for more info!
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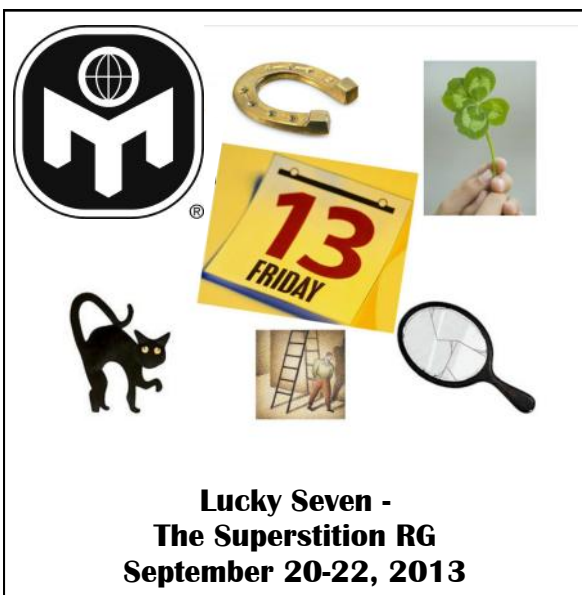
Your event here!!

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LUCKY SEVEN - THE SUPERSTITION RG

Delaware and Delaware Valley Mensas

September 20 to 22, 2013



What's my lucky number? What causes bad luck and how can I avoid it? How can I predict the future? People have looked for ways to make sense of the seemingly random events around them forever. We can't promise we will answer any of those questions, but we'll have fun trying.

Join us for Delaware Mensa's seventh annual Regional Gathering, and the first joint effort with Delaware Valley Mensa, in Claymont Delaware, just across the line from Philadelphia. We'll have food and music (Todd Chapelle and Hot Breakfast will be there Friday) and more food and more music (Karaoke on Saturday night), and a speaker track exploring the world of superstition. And don't forget the games - play ours or bring your own favorites.

RG Registration fees:

- ♦ Up to and including August 31: \$65 (Sat only \$55)
 - ♦ Through the event and at the door: \$75 (Sat only \$65)
- ♦ Rooms are \$89 - make your reservation at
**Crowne Plaza -
 Claymont DE
 630 Naamans Rd
 Claymont, DE 19703
 302-792-2700**

Tell them you are
with Delaware
Mensa!

This is the nicest hotel we have had for an RG - we just need you to make it the luckiest one ever.

Register online at
www.delaware.us.mensa/rg13.htm,
 and pay with PayPal. Or, mail the
 registration form, below.

-----Detach and send with registration-----

Make checks payable to: Delaware Mensa. Send registration form and checks to:

Jen Johnson, Registrar, 209 W 21st Street, Wilmington DE 19802

For more information, or to register online go to www.delaware.us.mensa.org/rg13.htm !

Name: _____ Local Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Number of people registering: _____ Amount included: _____

Name(s) on badge(s): _____

NOTICE: Pictures may be taken during the RG. If you choose to not have your picture taken, please inform any person with a camera.

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This newsletter is sent to members of Delaware Mensa each month (more or less), but is also going out to prospective members who have qualified for membership. If you are one of those prospective members, allow me to add another invitation to you to join Mensa. The organization is both big and small, you can enjoy it at whatever level suits you.

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